

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion it is respectfully requested.

Claims 13-17, 19, 20, 29-33, 35, 36, 45-47, 51-53, 57, 59, 61, 63 and 64 are pending in the present application. Claims 21-24, 37-40, 48, 49, 54, 55, 58, 60 and 62 have been canceled and claims 13, 29 and 61 have been amended by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 13, 21, 29, 37 and 61 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph; claims 61, 63 and 64 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Na et al.; and claims 13-17, 19-24, 29-33, 35-40, 45-49, 51-55, 57-60 and 62 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Setogawa et al. in view of Na et al.

Regarding the rejection of claims 13, 21, 29, 37 and 61 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, the outstanding Office Action indicates the added feature where the video apparatus and the disc device are separated from each other and are operated separately from each other is not described in the specification. However, it is respectfully noted Figure 1 illustrates the DVD-player 200 being separated from the TV (video apparatus) 100 via an IEEE-1394 interface such that the DVD player 200 and the TV 100 are separated from each other and operated separately from each other. See also page 5, lines 1-25. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested this rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 13-17, 19-24, 29-33, 35-40, 45-49, 51-55, 57-60 and 62 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Setogawa et al. in view of Na et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 13 has been amended to clarify that the first menu page is provided from a memory of the video apparatus and the new menu page is supplied from the recording medium. Independent claim 29 includes similar features in a varying scope.

These features are supported at least by Figures 2 and 5. For example, Figure 2A illustrates the first menu page being provided from a memory of the video apparatus and including first type menu items associated with functions or operations of the disc device (e.g., play, stop, pause) and a second type menu item (the menu option) for requesting a new menu page that is supplied from the recording medium. As shown in Figure 5A, when the user selects the menu option (the second type menu item), the menu screen selected from the menu image data received from the recording medium of the disc device is displayed as show in Figure 5B. Thus, in accordance with the present invention, the first menu page is provided from a memory of the video apparatus (e.g., the digital television) and the new menu page is provided from the recording medium included in the disc device.

On the contrary, Setogawa et al. is merely directed to storing operations on a DVD in which the stored operations are then used to control all information on the DVD as displayed. Setogawa et al. does not teach or suggest any information about displaying functions for controlling a DVD player on a digital TV. That is, Setogawa et al. is not related to controlling a DVD player via a separate video apparatus. Further, Na et al. describes in column 7, lines 35-40, that the interface manager of the D-TV is providing commands from a user through the remote controller. Thus, in Na et al., the D-TV is not providing a menu page but is merely relaying specific commands. Thus, Na et al. does not teach or suggest a first menu page being provided from a memory of a video apparatus in which the first menu page includes first menu items

associated with controlling the disc device and a second type menu item or requesting a new menu page that is supplied from the recording medium.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted independent claims 13 and 29 and each of the claims depending therefrom are allowable.

Claims 61, 63 and 64 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Na et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 61 has been amended in a similar manner as that discussed above with respect to independent claims 13 and 29. As discussed above, Na et al. does not teach or suggest the features recited therein. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested this rejection also be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

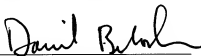
For the foregoing reasons and in view of the above clarifying amendments, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw all of the objections and rejections of record, and earnestly solicit an early issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters which need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact David A. Bilodeau (Registration No. 42,325) at (703) 205-8072, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and further replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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